9. Invites the Secretary-General and the heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to adopt, in the meantime, all possible measures to improve management procedures, to reduce administrative and other support costs, and to enhance over-all efficiency in the execution of programmes and projects in the field of operational activities for development with a view to increasing the proportion of resources available to meet the assistance requirements of developing countries;

10. Reaffirms that, as set forth in the annex to its resolution 3405 (XXX), Governments and institutions of recipient countries should be increasingly entrusted with the responsibilities for executing projects and, to this end, that the operational activities of the United Nations system should, inter alia, effectively contribute to the training of the personnel of recipient countries;

11. Urges Governments and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to accelerate their efforts for the effective implementation of section V of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and, in this context, requests the heads of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to take all necessary measures to improve coherence of action and effective integration at the country level in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the Governments concerned, of the various sectoral inputs from the United Nations system;

12. Welcomes the progress being made in the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and requests the Secretary-General to complete as expeditiously as possible the process of designation of resident co-ordinators, taking fully into account the provisions of Assembly resolution 34/213;

13. Decides to undertake a comprehensive policy review of operational activities in 1983, and thereafter every three years, on the basis of a coherent, integrated and systematic approach;

14. Further decides to consider, at its next comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, the question of the establishment of a single governing body for United Nations operational activities for development, in accordance with paragraph 35 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

15. Requests the Secretary-General, for the purpose of the next policy review, to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the preparation of a report on policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system, based on the methodology utilized in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, and the provision of the present resolution, as well as the views and comments of delegations on the issue of operational activities for development at the second regular session of 1980 of the Economic and Social Council and at the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly, for submission to the Assembly through the Council;

16. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation also to include in his report:

(a) Recommendations arising from paragraph 7 above, together with his own recommendations;

(b) An elaboration of the suggestion that gaps exist in the operational activities of the United Nations system, especially in relation to the restructuring of international economic relations, and suggestions as to ways and means of filling such gaps, thereby strengthening the United Nations system and making it more responsive to the needs of the developing countries;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation the submission to the General Assembly of an annual report on operational activities for development, which should also be made available to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, containing comprehensive statistical information concerning all operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including the data requested by the Assembly in paragraph 31 of the annex to resolution 32/197 and contained in appendices II and III to the report of the Director-General, with a further elaboration thereof in the light of commitments undertaken;

18. Further requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his annual report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session information on progress made concerning the invitations set forth in paragraph 9 above and to include in his annual report to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session the recommendations requested in paragraph 8 above, together with his own.

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3 December 1980

35/82. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The General Assembly,
Recalling its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which it approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,
Recalling also its resolutions 32/113 of 15 December 1977, 33/85 of 15 December 1978 and 34/209 of 19 December 1979,
Recalling further resolution 123 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the information contained in that document,

Convinced that access to the world market at the least possible cost is an integral part of meaningful economic development of land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind that the majority of countries classified as least developed are land-locked developing countries,

Expressing deep concern at the very low level of contributions for 1980 announced at the 1979 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

Noting that, according to the report of the Secretary-General prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 34/207 of 19 December 1979, contributions to the Fund must increase significantly if it is to be effective in meeting the large requirements for reducing...
the real costs of transit for land-locked developing countries.

Noting further that the demands for assistance from the Fund are related to activities additional to, and generally different from, the types of activities financed from other sources of the United Nations system,

1. Urges all Member States to give due consideration to the special constraints affecting the economic and social development of land-locked developing countries;

2. Appeals to all countries to review their position with respect to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries and to give serious consideration to having representatives of land-locked developing countries as members of the Board of Governors of the Fund;

3. Further appeals to all Member States, in particular developed countries, to international organizations and to multilateral financial institutions to contribute generously to the Fund in the context of the 1980 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the executive heads of other related institutions, to pursue action in favour of land-locked developing countries within the framework of the interim arrangements, taking into account that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance.

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35/83. United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 32/114 of 15 December 1977, in which it, inter alia, urged all States to take measures to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to fulfil the aims, objectives and programmes established in the second programming cycle, 1977-1981, and especially to achieve and even exceed the over-all annual growth rate of 14 per cent for voluntary contributions, on which the indicative planning figures for the cycle were based,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 2024 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on operational activities for development,

Reaffirming the validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Considering that the United Nations Development Programme is making an important contribution to the accelerated development of developing countries,

Noting with appreciation the continuing increase in programme delivery and the measures taken by the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to improve the quality and efficiency of programme operations and to enhance proper harmonization and complementarity in the technical co-operation activities of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Deeply concerned that the rate of increase in the resources for 1980 of the United Nations Development Programme fell far short of the target,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session,

1. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session;

2. Notes, in particular, decisions 80/6 of 20 February, 80/7 of 13 June and 80/9 of 17 June 1980, taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, on the strengthening of the country programming process through continuous programming and on the arrangements for enhancing the involvement of the developing countries in the planning of the regional programmes;

3. Notes with approval Governing Council decision 80/44 of 27 June 1980 concerning the reimbursement by the United Nations Development Programme of agency support costs and the recommendation that the executing agencies of the Programme should review their operational support systems, working methods, arrangements and staffing with a view to bringing about significant reductions in over-all support costs;

4. Urges all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the resources necessary for the implementation of activities for the second programming cycle, 1977-1981, which are based on an over-all annual growth rate of resources of 14 per cent, thereby providing the sound financial basis needed to implement the Programme’s planned activities during the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, which for the purpose of forward planning also assumes an over-all average annual growth of resources of at least 14 per cent;

5. Stresses that the realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade will require a renewed emphasis on technical co-operation and a significant increase in the resources provided for this purpose.

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35/84. Assistance to Nicaragua

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/8 of 25 October 1979,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Nicaragua,


Ibid., chap. XI

See resolution 35/56 above, annex, sect. II.

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